(a) whether it is a fact that the All India Railway Protection Force Association and the Zonal Railway Protection Force Associations applied for grant of recognition to them under section 15(L) (6) of the Railway Protection Force Act, 1957 (as amended in 1985);

(b) if so, what decision has been taken by Government in the matter; and

(c) whether any discussion was held with the representatives of the Association?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) The erstwhile All India Railway Protection Force Association, which has ceased to exist after coming into force of the RPF (Amendment) Act, 1985, has filed a Writ Petition in the Supreme Court challenging the validity of the RPF (Amendment) Act, 1985. The issues raised in *this Parliament Question* are related to the matter pending before the Supreme Court.

Workforce in RPF

864. SHRI NEPALDEV BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what were the sanctioned strength of the Railway Protection Force, in the block years of 1955-60, 1960-65, 1965-70, 1970-75; 1975-80; 1980-85; and

(b) what were the actual strength of the RPF in the same block years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) The strength of the Railway Protection Force was as under:—

31-3-55	34,220
31-3-60	49,837
31-3-65	53,520
31-3-70	55,798
31-3-75	58,361
31-3-80	61,493
31-3-85	61,355

Railway line between Jeypore-Malkanagiri-Bargarh

865. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal from Orissa Government have been received for survey of new railway lines between Jeypore-Malkanagiri-Bargarh and Raipur; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and Govt's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In view of acute constraint of resources, demand for survey of new railway line between Jeypore and Malkanagiri could not be considered.

As regards Bargarh-Raipur, survey for augmentation of line capacity for Durg-Champa-Jharsuguda section has been approved.

Haldia Dock Complex

866. DR. R. K. PODDAR: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state what are the schemes to be implemented for development of Haldia Dock Complex to improve its capacity and functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): The schemes included in the Seventh Five-Year Plan for the development of Haldia Dock Complex to improve its capacity and functioning are as follows:—

Modernisations:

1. Modification of Ore & Coal Handling Plants.

2. Dust Control Arrangement.

3. Increasing capacity of Railway Yard.

4. Residual work at Fertiliser Handling system.

5. Strengthening of Existing Jetty.

6. Fire Fighting Arrangement in Docks.

7. Construction of Roads inside and outside dock.

8. Water supply arrangement inside Dock & Residential areas linking it with State Govt.'s scheme and sewarage and second spine.

Additions:

1. Second oil jetty with tractor tugs.

2. Addl. General Cargo Berth.

3. Addl. covered Storage shed for general cargo.

4. Second Barge Jetty for POL.

5. Protection of River Bund.

6. Augmentation of existing container terminal.

7. Residential quarters at Chiranfipur and Township.

8. Improvement of infrastructural facilities and traffic circulation.

Replacements:

1. 2 locomotives.

River Training Works:

1. Comprehensive scheme for improvement of draft of River Hooghly Estuary.

Train from Guwahati to Bombay

867. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for introducing a direct train from Guwahati to Bombay; and

(b) if so, by when it is proposed to be implemented and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Adequate travel facilities between Guwahati and Bombay are available through connecting trains at Patna, Howrah, Gorakhpur and Lucknow.

दिल्ली के निकट वायु सेना केन्द्र के घोघा स्थित केन्द्रीय विद्यालय में अध्यापकों के रिक्त पद

868. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय** : क्या **मानव संसाधन विकास** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वायु सेना केन्द्र, घोघा, दिल्ली स्थित केन्द्रीय विद्यालय में अध्यापकों के कुल कितने पद स्वीकृत हैं; और उसमें कितने अध्यापक कार्यरत हैं और कितने पद किन-किन तारीखों से रिक्त पड़े हैं जिससे विद्यालय में विद्यार्थियों की पढ़ाई प्रभावित हुई है ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि अभिभावकों ने इस विद्यालय में अध्यापकों की समुचित व्यवस्था हेतु लिखित रूप में अनुरोध किया है और यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में अब तक क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ; और

(ग) इस विद्यालय में कब तक सभी विषयों के पर्याप्त अध्यापकों की तैनाती किये जाने की संभावना हैं ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री (श्री पी० वी० नरसिंह राव) : (क) से (ग) अध्यापकों (प्रिंसिपल सहित) के संस्वीकृत कुल 10 (दस) पदों में से 8 अध्यापक 23 जून, 1986 अर्थात् उस तारीख से जब यह केन्द्रीय विद्यालय, जिसे वर्ष 1985–86 में स्थापित किया गया था, के ग्रीष्मकालीन अवकाश के पश्चात् पुनः खुल जाने से ही कार्यरत है । उस तारीख को केवल दो पद ही रिक्त पड़े हुए थे ।